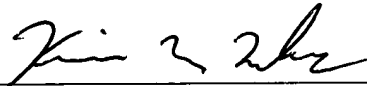


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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page, Item (75), Inventors: Please change "Llang-Yuh" to --Liang-Yuh--

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Column 2, Lines 4-5: Change "substra The polishing pressure preferably has e next." to --substrate to the next.--

Column 6, Line 46: After "from", change "and" to --any--

Column 7, Line 64: Change "C₆H₁₂Na₂O₆S₄" to --C₆H₁₂Na₂O₆S₄--

Column 10, Line 35: Delete "between"

Column 10, Line 41: Change "my" to --may--

Column 11, Line 1: Change "Modem" to --Modern--

Column 12, Line 17: Change "supporting" to --support--

Column 12, Line 57: Delete "may be utilized"

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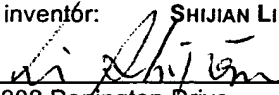
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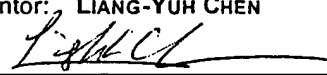
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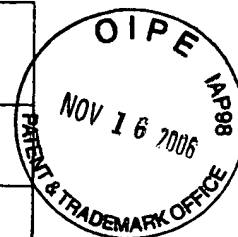
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